

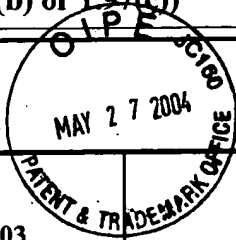
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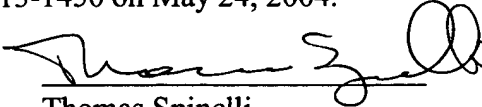
1. European Patent Application No. EP 1 132 049 A1, dated September 12, 2001;
2. United States Patent No. 5,759,154, issued to Hoyns, dated June 2, 1998;
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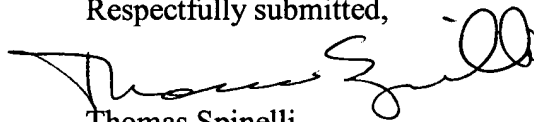
  
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4. United States Patent No. 4,869,259, issued to Elkins, dated September 26, 1989; and
5. United States Patent No. 5,769,795, issued to Terwilliger, dated June 23, 1998.

The references were cited in a Search Report dated March 4, 2004 received from the European Patent Office. Applicant is submitting a copy of reference 1, together with a copy of the Search Report. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicant is not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

Further, the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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		EP 1 132 049 A1	9/12/2001	EPO				

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